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TAGS: GATT, IZ
SUBJECT: IRAQ MAY JOIN GATT

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION OF MTN, MFA OFFICIAL TALAL PACHACHI, RESPONSIBLE FOR MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES, REMARKED THAT THE GOI IS CONSIDERING JOINING GATT. HE SAID IN THE 1960'S IRAQ HAD DECIDED NOT TO JOIN THE ORGANIZATION BECAUSE ITS PROVISIONS DID NOT OFFER SUFFICIENT PROTECTION TO INFANT INDUSTRIES IN LDC'S. IN THE INTERVENING DECADE, HOWEVER, THE GATT HAS BEEN MODIFIED, AND THE GOI HAS NOW SET UP A COMMITTEE TO RECONSIDER THE ISSUE. IF IRAQ DECIDES TO JOIN, THE IRAQIS WOULD EXPAND THEIR PERMANENT DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO INCLUDE TRADE EXPERTS WHO COULD POSSIBLY BE ASSIGNED IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN MTN.

2. COMMENT: USINT PRESUMES THAT USG HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE GOI'S ADHERING TO GATT BUT WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT AND ANY BACKGROUND, SUCH AS INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR JOINING, THAT MAY BE USEFUL IN
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FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. IN USINT VIEW, GOI PARTICIPATION IN GATT AND SIMILAR ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION AND AGREEMENTS HAS THE BENEFIT OF FURTHER INTEGRATING IRAQ INTO THE WESTERN ECONOMIC SYSTEM. PARTICIPATION IN GATT, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD REINFORCE IRAQ'S EVOLUTION AWAY FROM TRADE PATTERNS OF THE EARLY 1970'S WHEN THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE DOMINANT

SUPPLIERS, USUALLY UNDER BILATERAL BARTER
ARRANGEMENTS. BY 1976, THESE COUNTRIES PROVIDED ONLY 11
PER CENT OF IRAQ'S NON-MILITARY IMPORTS AND OECD COUNTRIES
78 PER CENT.
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